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SUBJ: PRELIMINARY SOVIET FIGURES ON ENERGY IMPORTS AND

EXPORTS DURING 1973.

1. SUMMARY. FOUR PARAGRAPHS IN RECENT ISSUE OF EKONOMICHESKAYA GAZETA (NUMBER 15) PROVIDE LIMITED BUT OFFICIAL PICTURE OF SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE IN ENERGY LAST YEAR. THE ARTICLE GIVES PRIMARY ATTENTION TO EXPORTS, EXPECIALLY TO SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. SEPARATE FIGURES ARE GIVEN FOR TOTAL IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL AND FOR RE-FINED PRODUCTS, BUT THERE IS ONE COMBINED FIGURE FOR EXPORTS OF BOTH THESE CATEGORIES. NO INFORMATION IS GIVEN ON SOURCES OF IMPORTS. END SUMMARY.

2. FIGURES GIVEN FOR ENERGY IMPORTS IN 1973 ARE CRUDE OIL - 13.2 MILLION TONS (ABOUT 7 MILLION TONS IN 1972); OIL PRODUCTS - 1.5 MILLION TONS (.04 MILLION IN 1972); NATURAL GAS - 11.4 BILLION CUBIC METERS (11.0 IN 1972); AND COAL AND COKE - 10.6 MILLION TONS (10.3 IN 1972).

3. ENERGY EXPORTS IN 1973 ARE LISTED AS CRUDE OIL AND PRODUCTS - 118 MILLION TONS (107 MILLION TONS IN 1972); NATURAL GAS - 6.8 BILLION CUBIC METERS (5.1 BILLION); COAL AND COKE - ABOUT 25 MILLION TONS (25 MILLION; AND ELECTRIC ENERGY - 9.9 BILLION KILOWATT HOURS (7.5 BILLION). TOTAL VALUE OF "ENERGY RESOURCE EXPORTS" IN 1973 IS LISTED AS 3.037 BILLION RUBLES, ABOUT FOUR BILLION DOLLARS AT CURRENT RATE OF EXCHANGE.

4. EMPHASIS IS MADE THAT THE BULK OF SOVIET ENERGY EXPORTS GO TO THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. IN 1973 THEY RECEIVED 68 MILLION TONS OF SOVIET CRUDE OIL AND PRO-DUCTS (COMPARED WITH 60 MILLION IN 1972). THEY ALSO RECEIVED 4.9 BILLION CUBIC METERS OF NATURAL GAS (3.4 BILLION), 20 MILLION TONS OF COAL AND COKE (1972 EXPERTS NOT MENTIONED), AND 9.4 BILLION KILOWATT HOURS OF ELECTRICITY (6.9 BILLION).

5. CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS THE LEADING SOCIALIST IMPORTER OF SOVIET CRUDE AND PRODUCTS IN 1973, TAKING 14.3 MILLION TONS (COMPARED WITH 12.9 MILLION IN 1972). FOUR OTHER LEADING SOCIALIST IMPORTERS WERE EAST UNCLASSIFIED

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GERMANY, ABOUT 13 MILLION TONS (11.5 MILLION); PLAND, MORE THAN 12 MILLION TONS (11.1 MILLION); BULGARIA, "MORE THAN NINE MILLION TONS" (8.0 MILLION;AND HUNGARY, "LESS THAN SIX MILLION TONS" (5.5 MILLION).

6. THE FIVE LEADING CAPITALIST COUNTRY IMPORTERS OF SOVIET CRUDE AND PRODUCTS IN 1973 ARE LISTED AS FINLAND - ABOUT 10 MILLION METRIC TONS (6.2 MILLION

IN 1972); ITALY, ABOUT NINE MILLION TONS (8.4 MILLION);
FRG, ABOUT SIX MILLION 6.2 MILLION); AND FRANCE,
MORE THAN FIVE MILLION (3.1 MILLION).

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